

Perspectives in Military History

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George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution

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Patriots, over the course of America's military history, have courageously risked their lives to carry out the nation's secret operations. Spies, undercover agents, moles, and other operatives risk much for their country with little chance or desire for recognition of their efforts. In the spy business, some heroes' legacies inevitably remain secret, or are lost in the fog of history forever. *George Washington's Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution*, by scholars Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger, depicts the historical account of just such men: the members of George Washington's top-secret "Culper Spy Ring." Washington knew he could not easily overrun the British troops with military power, so he called upon this deeply secretive group to supply him with enemy intelligence. The Culper Spy Ring's exploits included providing intelligence which helped prevent the British from seizing West Point, and their collective efforts changed the outcome of the American Revolutionary War. The spy ring was so secretive, its membership was unknown to even General Washington himself. In fact, researchers did not discover the identity of some of Washington's spies until the twentieth century. The identity of the only women of the group, known as Agent 355, remains unknown to this day.

Don Yaeger, an eight-time New York Times Best-selling author, has written or co-written over thirty different books. Brian Kilmeade currently serves as co-host of Fox News Channel's FOX & Friends. Kilmeade is the author of several books, including New York Times bestseller "The Games Do Count: America's Best and Brightest on the Power of Sports," Kilmeade earned his B.A. from Long Island University. Both authors used Washington's own letters in their research to build this action-packed historical account. Upon completion of the book, Kilmeade stated: "The Culper spies represent all the patriotic Americans who give so much for their country but, because of the nature of their work, will not or cannot take a bow or even talk about their missions."

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

TIME: Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the talk begins at 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: USAHEC, Visitor and Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room

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